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H. RES. 196

Urging the President to call for the United Nations to resolve the crisis
in Yugoslavia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 1999

Mr. FARR of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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the crisis in Yugoslavia.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

3 The House of Representatives finds the following:

4 (1) Yugoslav troops, under the authority of
5 Slobodan Milosevic, have engaged in a policy of eth-
6 nic cleansing throughout Kosovo.

7 (2) Ethnic Albanian Kosovars have been forced
8 from their homes and separated from their families,
9 displaced, and forced to leave the country.

1 (3) Prior to North Atlantic Treaty Organization
2 (NATO) air strikes, more than 2,000 ethnic Alba-
3 nians were killed in Kosovo.

4 (4) Refugee reports estimate at least 5,000 eth-
5 nic Albanian civilians have been killed by Serb forces
6 in Kosovo between the beginning of the NATO air
7 strikes and May 18, 1999.

8 (5) The fate of as many as 225,000 ethnic Al-
9 banian men in Kosovo remains uncertain.

10 (6) NATO has engaged in an escalating bomb-
11 ing of Yugoslavia since March 24, 1999.

12 (7) The Yugoslav Government states that over
13 1,000 civilians have been killed by the NATO bomb-
14 ing campaign.

15 (8) NATO bombing has been successful in de-
16 grading the Yugoslav military capabilities.

17 (9) NATO bombing has severely damaged the
18 Yugoslav infrastructure.

19 (10) NATO bombing has demoralized Yugoslav
20 troops, large numbers of which are deserting.

21 (11) NATO bombing has weakened the author-
22 ity of Slobodan Milosevic as a national leader.

23 (12) Slobodan Milosevic is coming under pres-
24 sure from within Yugoslavia to take action that
25 would lead to a cessation of the NATO bombing.

1 (13) The United Nations is recognized as the
2 primary international forum to discuss solutions to
3 international problems or disputes.

4 (14) The United States has been a member of
5 the United Nations for 54 years.

6 (15) Under the United Nations Charter, the
7 United Nations Security Council has primary re-
8 sponsibility for maintaining international peace and
9 security.

10 (16) The North Atlantic Treaty, the treaty that
11 established NATO, explicitly acknowledges that the
12 United Nations has primary responsibility for main-
13 taining international peace and security.

14 **SEC. 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

15 The House of Representatives declares that—

16 (1) the United States should work with the
17 United Nations as the primary conduit for a peace-
18 ful solution to the crisis in Yugoslavia; and

19 (2) the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
20 (NATO) should cease air strikes in Yugoslavia in
21 order to give the United Nations the necessary win-
22 dow of opportunity to bring peace to the people of
23 Kosovo.

1 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RE-**
2 **LATING TO UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT**
3 **IN RESOLVING THE CRISIS IN YUGOSLAVIA.**

4 It is the sense of the House of Representatives that
5 the President should engage the United Nations as an
6 intermediary in meaningful negotiations between NATO
7 and Slobodan Milosevic to—

8 (1) bring an end to the NATO bombing in
9 Yugoslavia;

10 (2) end the intimidation and expulsion of the
11 Kosovo civilian population;

12 (3) cease all activities of the Yugoslav military
13 and paramilitary forces in Kosovo and to withdraw
14 those forces;

15 (4) facilitate the return of refugees and dis-
16 placed persons to their homes; and

17 (5) deploy an international peacekeeping force
18 to ensure a secure environment for the refugees and
19 humanitarian aid.

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